NOTICE OF TENTATIVE **DECISION TO** APPROVE NO. M/047/028 BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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--00000---THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUC-TION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTER-ESTED IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, UBM, COUNTY, UINTAH UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve Large Mining Operations Notice of for Intention **Duchesne County Asphalt** Mine. Mining activities will affect the following area: W1/2 NW1/4, and NW1/4 SW1/4, Section 19, T2N, R1E, UBM, Uintah County, Utah.

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**During Operations** 

Surface mining of tar sands using conventional equipment such as bulldozers, front end loaders, and trucks. Removal of overburden, surface blasting of tar sands, processing tar sands through a crushing system and stockpiling the crushed material for use in paving roads in Duchesne County. Active mining and crushing take place on a seasonal basis.

**Following Operations** All drill holes will be plugged. Access roads will be ripped to a depth PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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STATE OF UTAH,

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County of Uintah

I, JODY A. SMUIN,

being duly sworn, depose and say, that I am the Business Manager of The Vernal Express, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published each week at Vernal, Utah, that the notice attached hereto was published in said newspaper

for 1 publications,

the first publication having been made on

the 1st day of November, 2000 and the last

on the 1st day of November, 2000, that

said notice was published in the regular and entire issue of every number of the paper during the period and times of publication, and the same was published in the newspaper proper and not in a supplement.

Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st day-of November A.D. 2000.

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of one to two feet with road cuts being regraded close to the approximate original contour. Waste stockpile material shall be placed into the pit as partial backfill against the highwall and be graded to provide positive drainage out of the pit. Topsoil material shall be placed over the backfill. Composted manure at the rate of 10 ton/acre will be spread over the backfilled area, the crushing and material stockpile areas, the topsoil stockpile area, and the previous crushing and stockpile areas. The compost shall be ripped into the upper six inches of soil. All affected areas will be broadcast seeded immediately after completion of the earthwork, preferable in the fall.

Final regraded surfaces shall be left in an roughened extremely condition to minimize erosion, and enhance moisture retention. Where available, rocks and grubbed vegetation will be randomly placed on the regraded areas to discourage public access and break the area up visually. Signs will be placed in several locations around the perimeter of the backfilled pit area warning of the highwall hazard. All structures and debris shall be removed from the site.

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Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Sulte 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit write (30) days of the date of publication to Pamela Dublication to Pamela Of 1 u b a u g h - L i t t i g, Associate Director of

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## **PUBLIC** NOTICE

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I, Craig L. Ashby on oath, say that I am the 3LISHER of the Uintah Basin Standard, a weekly spaper of general circulation, published at Roosevelt, UTAH e and County aforesaid, and that a certain notice, a true y of which is hereto attached, was published in the full TO ALL OPERATORS, e such newspaper for \_\_/\_ consecutive issues, and t the first publication was on the 3/ CTober, 20 00, and that the last publication uch notice was in the issue of such newspaper dated the 3/ day of October, 20 00.

**Publisher** 

bscribed and sworn to be fore me this day of November 2000

Notary Public



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DATED THIS 26th day of October, 2000

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